

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2140**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio**

February 18, 2010

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An act to add Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section 13825.8) to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to crime prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2140, as introduced, Solorio. Crime prevention: criminal gangs. Existing law creates several crime suppression programs.

This bill would make legislative findings relating to gang violence. This bill would establish in the Emergency Management Agency a program designated the High Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Areas Task Force, as specified.

This bill would provide that the purpose of the task force is to formulate a comprehensive strategy for addressing high intensity gang activity throughout the state and to advise the Emergency Management Agency on the appropriate disbursements of funds to regional high activity gang areas.

This bill would specify task force members and other specified information relating to the operation of the task force.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section 13825.8)
- 2 is added to Title 6 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

1 CHAPTER 3.3. HIGH INTENSITY INTERSTATE GANG ACTIVITY  
2 AREAS TASK FORCE  
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4 13825.8. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares:

5 (1) California has experienced an escalation in gang-related  
6 crimes, and violence is a threat to the safety of all citizens.

7 (2) Gang suppression efforts, left uncoordinated, will remain  
8 disorganized and inefficient in addressing the problem of gang  
9 activity, and will allow violence to continue to terrorize California  
10 communities.

11 (b) There is hereby established in the Emergency Management  
12 Agency a program designated the High Intensity Interstate Gang  
13 Activity Areas Task Force to provide for the protection and safety  
14 of the state's communities from gang activity and violence, and  
15 to enhance crime prevention efforts through increased federal,  
16 state, and local law enforcement coordination. All funds  
17 appropriated to the Emergency Management Agency for the  
18 purposes of this chapter shall be administered and disbursed by  
19 the secretary in consultation with the High Intensity Interstate  
20 Gang Activity Areas Task Force as established in Section 13825.9  
21 and shall, to the extent feasible, be coordinated with federal funds  
22 and private grants or private donations that are made available for  
23 these purposes.

24 13825.9. (a) The High Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Areas  
25 Task Force is hereby established for the purposes of formulating  
26 a comprehensive strategy for addressing high intensity gang activity  
27 throughout the state and to advise the Emergency Management  
28 Agency on the appropriate disbursements of funds to regional high  
29 activity gang areas.

30 (b) In formulating that strategy, the task force shall:

31 (1) Identify and designate High Intensity Interstate Gang  
32 Activity Areas (HIIGAAAs) throughout the State of California.  
33 When establishing HIIGAAAs, the task force shall consider:

34 (A) The current and predicted levels of gang crime activity in  
35 the area, especially the number of gang-related homicides.

36 (B) The extent to which violent crime in the area appears to be  
37 related to criminal street gang activity, such as drug trafficking,  
38 murder, robbery, assaults, carjacking, arson, kidnapping, extortion,  
39 and other criminal activity.

1 (C) The extent to which state and local law enforcement agencies  
2 have committed resources to respond to the gang crime problem  
3 and to participate in a gang-enforcement team.

4 (D) The extent to which a significant increase in the allocation  
5 of state resources would enhance local response to the gang crime  
6 activities in the area.

7 (2) Establish regional high intensity interstate gang activity area  
8 law enforcement steering committees, and select the members of  
9 those committees.

10 (c) The Secretary of the Emergency Management Agency shall  
11 appoint the following members to the task force:

12 (1) A designee of the Governor's office.

13 (2) A designee of the California Emergency Management  
14 Agency.

15 (3) A designee of the Attorney General's office.

16 (4) A designee of the California Highway Patrol.

17 (5) A designee of the Department of Corrections and  
18 Rehabilitation.

19 (6) A designee of the California State Sheriff's Association.

20 (7) A designee of the California Police Chief's Association.

21 (8) A designee of the California District Attorney's Association.

22 (9) A designee of the Chief Probation Officers of California.

23 (10) A designee of each federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking  
24 Areas (HIDTA) executive director's office.

25 (d) The Secretary of the Emergency Management Agency shall  
26 designate the chair of the HIIGAA Task Force from the appointed  
27 members.

28 (e) The HIIGAA Task Force shall not be required to meet more  
29 than 12 times per year. The task force may create subcommittees  
30 of its own membership, and each subcommittee shall meet as often  
31 as the subcommittee members find necessary. It is the intent of  
32 the Legislature that all task force members shall actively participate  
33 in all task force deliberation required by this chapter.

34 Any member who, without advance notice to the secretary and  
35 without designating an alternative representative, misses three  
36 scheduled meetings in any calendar year for any reason other than  
37 severe temporary illness or injury shall automatically be removed  
38 from the task force. If a member wishes to send an alternative  
39 representative in his or her place, advance written notification of  
40 this substitution shall be presented to the secretary. This notification

- 1 shall be required for each meeting the appointed member elects
- 2 not to attend.
- 3 Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
- 4 their services, but shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem
- 5 expenses incurred as a result of attending meetings sponsored by
- 6 the Emergency Management Agency.